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## TWO NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM WISCONSIN FILE THEIR RESIGNATIONS

**Ira S. Lorenz Regarded As a LaFollette Man—Mrs. Luther Schentz Also Leaves Republicans.**

**Organization Which Will Wage "Fighting Bob's" Campaign Gets Down to Business Today.**

Chicago, July 25.—Resignations of Ira S. Lorenz, Milwaukee, republican national committeeman from Wisconsin, and Mrs. Luther N. (Julia Anderson) Schentz, Racine, Wis., republican national committeewoman from that state, were tendered by them today.

The letters of resignation contained no reason for the action, William M. Butler, national chairman, said. However, Representative J. M. Nelson, national manager for Senator LaFollette, declared that "Mr. Lorenz is a LaFollette man, and resigned in order not to embarrass anyone nor be embarrassed."

Both resignations were voluntary.

**Get Down To Business.**  
Washington, July 25.—The committee which will have final authority in conducting the Independent LaFollette campaign for the presidency perfected its organization here today and tackled its first major problem.

Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., was chosen vice-chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Edward P. Costigan of Colorado, secretary. Representative Nelson of Wisconsin is the committee chairman, but he was not present at today's session.

A canvass of the requirements of the various states as to ballot designations disclosed that the LaFollette ticket in 30 states must be designated by some other name than "Independent."

In these states, and all others where the election laws require adoption of a political designation, the electors pledged to Senator LaFollette will be placed on the ballot under the uniform designation of "Progressive."

Where an emblem is required, it was decided, the Liberty Bell will be used.

## F. M. HOLMES RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT N. & J. CO.

**No Change Made In Board of Directors—R. H. Sullivan Is New Vice-President.**

The annual stockholders meeting of the National & Jersey Co. was held at the company's office this afternoon and the following directors were re-elected: F. M. Holmes, E. M. Wightman, G. M. Landers, A. J. Sloper, George C. Clark, F. S. Chamberlain, Samuel McCutcheon, Noah C. Rogers.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were re-elected: President, F. M. Holmes; vice-president and secretary, E. M. Wightman; treasurer, R. H. Sullivan; treasurer and assistant secretary, Samuel McCutcheon; assistant treasurer, F. J. Ward.

Mr. Sullivan is a new officer of the company.

## MAKES DEATH CERTAIN

**Newark Patrolman Turns on Gas in Room, Then Shoots Himself—Asphyxiation Aids in Death.**

Jersey City, N. J., July 25.—Patrolman George E. Ruckner, 33, today turned on the gas in the basement of the Anchor Athletic club to insure his death after firing one shot from his service revolver into his right temple which did not have immediate effect according to the police.

He left a note to his wife saying that despondency over ill health caused his act.

## DIES AT AGE OF 94

**Mrs. Charles Christman, Mother of Mrs. F. C. Monier, Sr., Passes Away At Her Home in Newark, N. J.**

Mrs. F. C. Monier, Sr., of 175 Maple street, has received word of the death of her mother, Mrs. Charles Christman, at Newark, N. J. Mrs. Christman was 94 years of age and had eight children, six of whom survive, Mrs. Monier being the second oldest.

**CLOAK SHOP BANKRUPT.**

The Stewart Cloak shop at 131 Main street, through Attorney Alfred LeWhit, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court at New Haven. The store has been closed since Saturday of last week.

## Tobacco and Farm Crops Facing Ruin As Result of Long Drouth

**Continued Dry Weather Spells General Failure for Potatoes—Hay Is Scarce and Field Corn Is Suffering.**

Hartford, July 25.—Becoming more and more serious daily, through the long drouth, the time is fast approaching when stable farm crops and all garden products will be ruined beyond recovery. A factor, also which is aiding the damage by drouth, is the strong wind every afternoon and often through the early evening, which makes the ground still more parched and which by its incessant swaying of plants of all kinds, especially those like tobacco which stand singly, pulls on the roots and handicaps them in their downward burrowing for moisture.

Tobacco, the main farm crop of the Connecticut valley is sorely hit. The early tobacco is running up unnaturally and topping out long before it should. The lower leaves are burning up and all the leaves are being pinched up. The plants are not making the stocky growth essential to a good crop. There is no spread to the leaves and the growth is not that of a normal year. While this applies more especially to the early set, the late set has had little benefit from rain and is very irregular. Some of it has hardly more than got a start.

As a whole the tobacco crop is six weeks late and much more than usual will be cut in September. Should there be an early frost, hundreds of acres would probably be "touched."

The hay crop is very light and scarce. New cut grass is hard to buy, and it is very high in price. The potato crop, generally speaking, is a failure, and field after field of the vines may be seen with the vines wilted and practically dead.

Field corn is suffering. Its growth is very slow and the leaves are curling up.

## MAN FOUND DROWNED A VAGRANT WORKMAN

**Victim of Pequabuck River Was James Kelly; Address: Wide World**

(Special to the Herald.)

Plainville, July 25.—The body of a man who was pulled from the Pequabuck river here yesterday afternoon, was today identified through a Herald reporter as that of James Kelly of parts unknown. Identification was made through the working tag found on his person when his clothes were searched. The tag was one issued by the American Sumatra Tobacco Co., plantation at Windsor Locks. Foreman R. J. McComb of the plantation stated that the records of the company showed that James Kelly, number 223 on the company's payroll had worked at the Windsor Locks plantation for seven hours on May 27. He described the man as being an "extraordinary floater."

The description given to Mr. McComb, tallied with that of the company's record. Mr. McComb interviewed all the men with whom Kelly had worked but none of them knew anything about him other than his name. They had no knowledge of where he came from or where he went.

The body was discovered by a workman for a New Haven painting concern who was working on the roof of the Colonial Brass Co. building situated north of the railroad station. The corpse was swirling around in the water just over the dam of the company which supplies power for the shop. The workman summoned employees of the factory and they notified Dr. Charles W. Moody, local medical examiner. W. A. Bailey & Co., undertakers, were summoned and with the use of grappling hooks and straps, the body was towed to a shallow spot in the river and was taken on to the bank. The spot of the discovery is a small bend in the Pequabuck river which flows from the main stream to the dam of the Colonial Brass Co. Evidently, the man had fallen into the river somewhere along this canal, as the current of the river proper would probably have carried his body down the main stream.

A search of the man's clothing revealed nothing to identify him with the exception of a round metal tag inscribed at the top with the letters A. S. T. Co. and, underneath, the words "Windsor Locks." Beneath this was the number 223 in large figures and at the bottom of the tag was the number 1920 and on one side 23 and the other 24. On other places on the tag, were the numbers 21 and 22.

Besides this tag, there were two shaving brushes and a pumice stone and a number of safety pins. The man wore two suits of clothes. Apparently the body had been in the water for some time because the face was badly decomposed with one ear missing. One leg on the man's body appeared to be cramped and this led to the theory that he might have been struck by a train at the railroad trestle near by and hurled into the canal.

The authorities this morning were notified that a man of Kelly's description some time ago, left a large bundle of clothes for safe keeping in the New Broad pool room on East Main street.

The body was taken from the bank of the river to the vault in West cemetery, where interment will take place.

**Canadian Bandits Steal Auto and Owner's Daughter**

Montreal, July 25.—Three armed men early this morning held up the automobile in which Rene Bruneau and his daughter were riding, forced Bruneau to leave the car and then, jumping in it, sped away with the girl.

**People's Savings Bank May Have New Home**

A special meeting of the directors of the People's Savings bank will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the bank to consider a change of location. The bank is now housed at the corner of Broad and Washington streets. Because of the need for larger quarters, it is planned to take over a store at 121 Broad street, and an expression of opinion will be made by the directors at tonight's session.

## I. C. C. RULING AGAINST PECK, STOW & WILCOX

**Company Alleged "New Haven" Road Charged Prejudicial Rate**

BY GEORGE H. MANNING.

(Washington Bureau of N. B. Herald)  
Washington, D. C., July 25.—The Interstate Commerce commission has decided against the Peck, Stow & Wilcox company of Southington, Conn., on its complaint that the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company was charging it an unjust, unreasonable and unduly prejudicial rate for transportation of tinners' snips or shears, which it manufactures at its Southington plant.

The Peck, Stow & Wilcox company manufactures mechanics' hand tools at its Southington plant, shipping them chiefly in small lots in any quantity rates.

Effective December 30, 1919, tinners' snips or shears, any quantity, were rated as third class. On June 10, 1923, they were advanced to second class.

The complainant contends that tinners' snips or shears are essentially a mechanics tool as much as a wrench or hammer and are entitled to the third class rating accorded to mechanics hand tools and that there is no good reason they should be advanced to second class. It was also claimed that the manufacturers' profit on such a highly competitive article will not stand absorption of the higher rate.

The commission sustained the railroad and dismissed the complaint.

## BOBBED HAIR BLAMED

**Chicago Barbers Demand More Pay Because of Increased Work To Attend To The Ladies.**

Chicago, July 25.—Bobbed hair is given as the cause of wage increase demands being made by the journeyman barbers' union, which threatens to take a strike vote next week if an agreement is not reached.

"With bobs ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$1.50, with the prospect of curling, marcelling and shampooing, with the barber having to go to school to learn how to do it, we want more money," W. S. Leidy, union president says.

The present scale is \$26 weekly, with 60 per cent of all checks over a total of \$35. The demand is for \$33 salary and the same percentage of all over \$50.

## DENY LACK OF EFFORT

**New Haven Man Says Officers of Richard Peck Did All They Could To Save Nolan**

New Haven, July 25.—R. H. White of this city, a passenger on the steamer Richard Peck on the trip from Newport to New London yesterday with a load of excursionists, denied today published stories of another passenger that officers of the steamer were dilatory in their efforts to rescue John Nolan, an officer on the steamer, who fell overboard and was drowned near Point Judith.

White declared that Nolan who was off duty, attempted to walk the slippery rail and a sudden lurch of the steamer threw him overboard. In the rush for the side of the steamer at the cry of "man overboard," White says, no one thought to cast a life preserver to the man. The engines were reversed immediately White declared, and the Peck headed about. Members of the crew threw life preservers to the man and preparations were made to lower a boat but Nolan when about to seize one of the life preservers, suddenly threw up his arms and sank out of sight, according to White. Men in the small boat were unable to find any trace of him, he says.

A statement issued by the N. Y. N. H. and H. railroad today also stated that the Peck was turned about immediately after Nolan went overboard and that life preservers were thrown over and a lifeboat lowered as soon as possible but Nolan had disappeared before he could be reached.

## HIGH TIDES—JULY 26

(Standard Time)  
At New London: 5:23 a. m.; 5:50 p. m.  
At New Haven: 7:27 a. m.; 7:40 p. m.

## THE WEATHER

Hartford, July 25.—Forecast for New Britain and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday; somewhat cooler tonight.

## SHENANDOAH LANDS, IN AIR ALL NIGHT

**\$50,000 Observation Balloon Lost From Lakehurst Today**

**SEEN OVER NEW LONDON**

**Big Gas Bag Reported Over Several Places, Last Being at Scituate, Mass.—None At Lakehurst**

Lakehurst, N. J., July 25.—After being kept in the air all night because of winds which blew from the south, the observation balloon which was launched at 8:35 this morning, was seen over several places, last being at Scituate, Mass., and then over New London, Conn., before it was lost.

The Shenandoah yesterday made an engine test flight to Binghamton, N. Y., and returned here in the evening. Due to winds the airship was kept aloft, circling over Lakehurst, throughout the night.

**Balloon Worth \$50,000.**

Lakehurst, N. J., July 25.—Naval air station officers said today that the drifting balloon which went out to sea at Scituate, Mass., doubtless was the observation craft which broke away from here early today while unoccupied. The craft was trailing about 1500 feet of rope when it disappeared into the darkness and bore the identification "U. S. Navy." The craft was 150 feet long and valued at about \$50,000.

Rockland, Mass., July 25.—The balloon which passed over Brockton this morning was seen later over this town. It was about 800 feet up, with some ropes dragging, and moving eastward in the direction of the seacoast. Observers thought it appeared to be settling down.

**Seen Over New London.**

New London, July 25.—The crew of the steamer at the New Haven railroad yard at Midway, near here, reported seeing a balloon drifting toward the east at 5:10 this morning. A rope was hanging from the basket. No passengers were discernible.

**Over Providence.**

Providence, July 25.—A Zeppelin was seen by employees of the pumping station at Pettaconsett, six miles from here at about 8 o'clock this morning. She apparently came from the southwest and was drifting toward the northwest in the direction of New Bedford. She had one basket which was tipped at a sharp angle. Field glasses seemed to show that someone was in the basket and was apparently trying to signal to the people at the pumping station.

At 8:15 the balloon was seen going across Rehoboth, in the direction of Taunton.

Brockton, Mass., July 25.—At an altitude of about 2,500 feet an elephant or sausage observation balloon drifted over this city just before 8 o'clock this morning. It was moving in a direction well north of east and disappeared in the haze to the eastward about 8:20.

Observation through glasses failed to show signs of life although the rigging under the balloon and the observers' basket were clearly visible. The balloon did not appear to be losing any altitude. Its flight was steady.

Scituate, Mass., July 25.—A balloon believed to be the one which broke away from the Lakehurst, N. J., air station early today passed over this town this forenoon and went out to sea. It was marked "U. S. Navy."

## LOEB HIMSELF SAID THOSE WHO KILLED FRANKS OUGHT TO DIE, REPORTER ASSERTS

**LEAPS FROM TRUCK AS EXPRESS CRASHES IT**

**Nowalk Driver, However, May Be Fatally Hurt In Grade Crossing Accident Today.**

Nowalk, July 25.—By jumping from his automobile truck a second before it crashed into the Nowalk-Danbury express at the Broad street crossing here at 3 o'clock this morning, John McDonald, 23, of 239 Lewis street, Bridgeport, an employee of the Jacobs and Kelsner, Inc., bakers, escaped death.

McDonald was proceeding at a fair rate of speed and failed to see the approaching train which is due in the South Norwalk depot at 8:04 a. m.

Finding himself unable to stop his truck, McDonald jumped from the machine a second before it crashed into the speeding locomotive. The automobile was completely wrecked and thrown along the roadway for a distance of 200 feet.

McDonald was rushed to the Norwalk hospital where it is said his injuries may prove fatal. He received a deep scalp wound, injuries to his back and lacerations about the lower limbs.

## FIRPO SHIFTS FROM ONE FOOT TO OTHER

**Then Says Nothing When Introduced to President Coolidge**

Washington, July 25.—Luis Angel Firpo, who received today by President Coolidge, who greeted him cordially in a brief interview. No formal appointment had been made but when the big Argentine fighter reached the White House on a flying tour of Washington, Mr. Coolidge received him almost immediately.

The president smiled broadly as he shook the hand of the boxer and looked him over from head to foot.

"Well," he exclaimed, "you certainly look all that your records have made us imagine. I am very glad to see you indeed."

Firpo shifted from one foot to the other, but apparently did not trust his English sufficiently to reply.

The heavyweight was in Washington at the invitation of the Argentine ambassador, with whom he had lunch. He left afterward for New York.

## ATTACKED BY ALLIGATOR

**Louisiana Man, Crossing Ditch, Steps On "Log" Which Proves To Be Vicious 'Gator.**

Marksville, La., July 25.—Thomas Briggs of Little River, near here, was recovering today from the attack yesterday of a 15-foot alligator he encountered while picking moss in the swamps. In crossing a ditch containing about four feet of water, Briggs stepped on something he thought was a log.

The "log" proved to be an alligator, which caught Briggs just above the knee, cracking the bone of his leg. After a struggle the alligator let go and made a vicious and unsuccessful attempt to catch Briggs' body.

Briggs' cries attracted attention of a brother nearby who shot and killed the alligator.

## 74 TO BE WIFE OF 96

**And Best Man Is to be 104 Year Old Bachelor—Bride Has Been Married Seven Times Already.**

Beauvoir, Miss., July 25.—Mrs. Mary Sanders, 74 years old, seven times a widow, will be married to her eighth husband Sunday afternoon. The bridegroom is to be A. J. Fuller, 96 years old. Six of her former husbands were Confederate soldiers. Mrs. Sanders and Mr. Fuller are inmates of the Jefferson Davis soldiers' home.

Uncle Pat McLoughlin, a bachelor, 104 years old and also a Confederate veteran and inmate of the home will act as best man at the wedding.

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**DUN'S REPORT.**

New York, July 25.—Dun's weekly compilation of bank clearings shows an aggregate of \$7,192,156,000, an increase of 15.3 per cent over a year ago. Outside of New York there was an increase of 4.9 per cent.

## Abcess After Tooth Is Pulled Causes Death

New Haven, July 25.—Septic poisoning from an abscess of the jaw aggravated by the recent pulling of a tooth caused the death of Ernest B. Andrews of 329 Dixwell avenue, this city, according to Medical Examiner Dr. V. A. Kowalewski. Andrews was found dead in bed at his home early today.

## Chicago Newspapermen Tell of "Tips" For "Scoops" That Both Boys Gave Them On Murder Mystery.

**Prosecution Traces Every Step in Circumstantial Evidence Which Resulted in Complete Confessions.**

By The Associated Press.

Chicago, July 25.—The weaving of flimsy threads of circumstantial evidence into the finely meshed web which holds Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb guilty of the kidnapping and murder of Robert Franks was recounted today by newspapermen who helped bring the wealthy young college students to "the mercy of the court."

**Weave Web of Suspicion.**

Police officers, newspaper reporters, and a friend of one of the boys were called by the state in the hearing before Judge John R. Caverly to tell of the first hint of suspicion directed against the pair and of the development of a chain of accusative evidence which led eventually to the confession and guilty pleas.

**Tipped Off Reporter.**

Howard Mayer, a Chicago reporter and student at the University of Chicago with the two defendants, told of Loeb's effort two days after the murder to give him a scoop by suggesting the probable course of the kidnappers in collecting the ransom money from Jacob Franks, father of the slain boy.

"Don't use my name in the story," Loeb exclaimed to another reporter, to whom he had given a "hot tip."

Loeb's cut to him on May 23, Mayer testified, suggested that he go to the drugstore to which the ransom letter written to the elder Franks directed the parents to call for a "Mr. Johnson," who would give him instructions for depositing of the ransom money.

**Advocated Hanging.**

"Whoever committed that crime should be strung up," Loeb told Alvin Goldstein, reporter for the Chicago Daily News, on the day young Franks' body was found, the latter testified.

Two friends of Leopold earlier described "birding expeditions" in the vicinity of the culvert with Leopold and other students of ornithology, which was Leopold's hobby.

Hugh Byrne, police officer, told of the finding on May 22 in the vicinity of the culvert, which yielded young Franks' body, of a tawny woolen sock identified Monday by the lad's parents as that of their son.

Another officer told of the defendants leading a searching squad to Hesseville, Ind., where shoes, belt, buckle and class pin all previously identified by the parents as the belongings of Robert, were found.

Fourteen state witnesses were examined at the morning session bringing the total to 61 the total called in two days and a half of court procedure.

They moved so rapidly through the witness stand that luncheon recess came half an hour ahead of scheduled time, to permit the state to prepare additional witnesses for the afternoon session.

Loeb and Leopold lingered in court for a few minutes exchanging assurances with relatives.

**Talks to His Father.**

Leopold spoke briefly with his aged father.

Leopold, his arm across his brother's shoulder, while the latter clasped the defendant's waist, whispered for several minutes, then nodded and patted his brother on the back as he turned to submit himself again to the custody of his jail escort.

**Today's Proceeds**

No abatement of interest was manifested when the third day's hearing against Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, who have pleaded guilty to kidnapping and murdering Robert Franks, opened before Judge Caverly. There was the same knot of dyed-in-the-wool court fans about the entrance to the building, the same eager watching by early spectators who gained admittance to the courtroom and the same preliminary scurrying of court attaches.

The big steel cabinet full of state exhibits was bumped noisily into the room from the "bull pen" where it is kept overnight.

A return of bright sunshine outdoors was a signal for a doffing of coats. Judge Caverly, who started the hearing in the formal robes of his office, discarded them after the first day and let it be known that shirt-sleeves would not be considered a slur on court dignity.

**Families Take Seats**

Jacob and Allan Loeb, uncle and brother of Richard and Nathan Leopold, Sr., and Foreman Leopold, father and brother of Nathan, who have

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## Syracuse Girl Now Again Insists She Was Victim

Syracuse, N. Y., July 25.—Miss Frances Stabb, who early Wednesday morning was found bound and gagged in her burning house, today reverted to her original story in which she said two young men had bound and gagged her, robbed the house, and later set fire to it. A confession which she made Wednesday night was given under pressure from detectives, she declared.